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LB 336

Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me make a couple of comments, if I might, Mr. President, to inform the body as to what in fact we are doing here. LB 336 as you recall is a bill that was introduced last year to establish a statewide lottery. Senator DeCamp has some amendments to LB 336 currently pending in the Journal which would have purported to propose to the voters of the State of Nebraska a constitutional amendment to establish a statewide lottery and to allow the use of slot machines to implement that lottery and to operate that lottery for property tax relief. So I believe what Senator DeCamp is doing by proposing that LB 336 be withdrawn is to give up on any attempts to establish a statewide lottery this session and to give up on any attempts to put any proposed constitutional amendment to the voters this year that would purport to legalize slot machines. So I concur that this bill should be withdrawn and that we should put to an end this session any idea of putting any such idea to a vote of the people of the State of Nebraska because we are capable in this body of making these difficult decisions in this area as well as several dozen other areas that we are legislating over in this year of 1984. So I support the motion to withdraw LB 336. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, do you have a comment? Your light is on. Is there further discussion on the motion to withdraw LB 336? If not, the suspension of the rules...the first vote to suspend the rules. 30 votes required. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to suspend the rules, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The rules are suspended and then Senator DeCamp has a motion now to withdraw LB 336.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, Mr. President, now I would move it be withdrawn that the rules are suspended. I would say my reasons for doing it are different than Senator Hoagland's,